

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 14, 2000.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 14, 2000 at 9:05 a.m.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 3544.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 3591.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHIL,
Clerk of the House.

AMERICA'S FOREIGN OIL DEPENDENCY

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, Americans are paying more for gas now than at any other time in our history. Families like David and Jenny Davis of Reno, Nevada are being forced to eliminate their vacation plans and change their daily schedules, like eliminating after-school programs for their children, just to save money on gas; and all of this when our country's dependency on foreign oil is at an all-time high.

Yet, for 8 years, the Clinton-Gore administration has refused to address and reduce our dependence on foreign oil or to prevent foreign oil price-fixing schemes. Instead, the administration continues to support oil-producing countries, even though they blatantly banned together to raise oil prices.

Now American families are paying for the administration's actions or inactions. Our hard-working families should not have to sacrifice their live-

lihoods just because the administration refuses or fails to stand up to foreign oil pricing nations.

I yield back the administration's national policy which continues to cost Americans precious money every time they go to the gas pump.

STOP GIVING TECHNOLOGICAL CHARITY TO CHINA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Something is wrong, Mr. Speaker. China has already stolen our nuclear secrets; and what they have not stolen, the White House has given to them, specifically, super-computer and satellite technology that enhances China's missile program, and they have missiles pointed at us.

Now, if that is not enough to download your hard drive, news reports now confirm that the White House will allow private sector high-tech companies to hire Chinese scientists involved with their military technologies.

Beam me up. What is next? Will we give China our Star Wars umbrella?

Mr. Speaker, I yield back both the danger and the stupidity of this charity to China.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record votes on postponed questions will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules, but not before 7 p.m. today.

INTERNET GAMBLING PROHIBITION ACT OF 2000

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3125) to prohibit Internet gambling, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3125

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Internet Gambling Prohibition Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON INTERNET GAMBLING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 50 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 1085. Internet gambling

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the following definitions apply:

"(1) BETS OR WAGERS.—The term 'bets or wagers'—

"(A) means the staking or risking by any person of something of value upon the out-

come of a contest of others, a sporting event, or a game predominantly subject to chance, upon an agreement or understanding that the person or another person will receive something of greater value than the amount staked or risked in the event of a certain outcome;

"(B) includes the purchase of a chance or opportunity to win a lottery or other prize (which opportunity to win is predominantly subject to chance);

"(C) includes any scheme of a type described in section 3702 of title 28; and

"(D) does not include—

"(i) a bona fide business transaction governed by the securities laws (as that term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(47))) for the purchase or sale at a future date of securities (as that term is defined in section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(10)));

"(ii) a transaction on or subject to the rules of a contract market designated pursuant to section 5 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7);

"(iii) a contract of indemnity or guarantee;

"(iv) a contract for life, health, or accident insurance; or

"(v) participation in a simulation sports game or an educational game or contest that—

"(I) is not dependent solely on the outcome of any single sporting event or nonparticipant's singular individual performance in any single sporting event;

"(II) has an outcome that reflects the relative knowledge and skill of the participants with such outcome determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of sporting events and nonparticipants accumulated individual performances therein; and

"(III) offers a prize or award to a participant that is established in advance of the game or contest and is not determined by the number of participants or the amount of any fees paid by those participants.

"(2) CLOSED-LOOP SUBSCRIBER-BASED SERVICE.—The term 'closed-loop subscriber-based service' means any information service or system that uses—

"(A) a device or combination of devices—

"(i) expressly authorized and operated in accordance with the laws of a State, exclusively for placing, receiving, or otherwise making a bet or wager described in subsection (f)(1)(B); and

"(ii) by which an individual located within any State must subscribe and be registered with the provider of the wagering service by name, address, age, and appropriate billing information to be authorized to place, receive, or otherwise make a bet or wager, and must be physically located within that State in order to be authorized to do so;

"(B) a secure and effective customer verification and age verification system, updated to remain current with evolving technology, expressly authorized and operated in accordance with the laws of the State in which it is located, to ensure that all applicable Federal and State legal and regulatory requirements for lawful gambling are met; and

"(C) appropriate data security standards to prevent unauthorized access by any person who has not subscribed or who is a minor.

"(3) FOREIGN JURISDICTION.—The term 'foreign jurisdiction' means a jurisdiction of a foreign country or political subdivision thereof.

"(4) GAMBLING BUSINESS.—The term 'gambling business' means—

"(A) a business that is conducted at a gambling establishment, or that—

"(i) involves—

"(I) the placing, receiving, or otherwise making of bets or wagers; or